

Fort Totten Magazine
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake Vicinity
Benson County
North Dakota

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STATE NORTH DAKOTA	COUNTY BENSON	TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN MAGAZINE		HABS NO. ND-11
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Route 57.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Dale and Stead	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are brick. A rubble foundation supports the building. The structural system consists of load-bearing brick masonry walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in shape, this one-story building measures 15' (one-bay front) x 18'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The roof is gabled with wooden shingles and has a simple wooden cornice painted gray. A heavy steel plate door is the entranceway to an interior room.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor Plan: A simple one room plan with steps at the entrance leading down to a raised wood floor, which was originally a cellar. The walls are exposed brick masonry and battered wooden siding covering the original cellar walls. The ceiling is a suspended plaster on lath, arched ceiling.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the building is good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the building.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Data is based on HABS Architects' Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972. National Register listing.		
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